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SUBJECT: GOS "EXPLAINS" DECISION NOT TO DETAIN PAKISTAN-BOUND SHIPMENT OF PROLIFERATION CONCERN
Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Daniel L. Shields. Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d) \,
11. (S) In response to a request from the DCM for further explanation of Singapore's January 5 decision not to investigate a shipment of prolif
12. (S) Econ/Pol Chief countered that the CNC is controlled by the Wassenaar Arrangement and the Nuclear Suppliers Group. Additionally, Singapo
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13. (S) Begin text of non paper:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore acknowledges receipt of a Non-Paper (releasable to Singapore) of 5 January 2008 from the US Embass 2 As the US Embassy is aware, Singapore and the US enjoy a substantive working relationship in the field of counter-proliferation activities. S

3 The Singapore Government, however, was unable to accede to the US Embassy's request to detain this latest shipment on the basis of the inform (a) First, US officials had alleged that the end-user of the CNC five-axis machine was a Pakistan-based company known as New Auto Engineering.

(b) Second, even if the consignee had been New Auto Engineering, US officials were unable to provide any accurate information linking this comp

4 We further note that the equipment is German-made and its last point of export was Turkey. Both Germany and Turkey are members of internation

5 As we have highlighted to the US Embassy on previous occasions, we can only take action on the basis of credible, reliable and actionable inf 6 The Singapore Government will continue to work closely with the US to counter the proliferation of WMD-related materials.

11 January 2008

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